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REPORT MADE AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	DATE WHEN MADE 5/17/51	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 5/1/51	REPORT MADE BY MAURICE G. AUSTIN pjf
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Governor, State of Illinois - VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Anonymous letter sent from Chicago, 4/12/51, to ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Governor of Illinois. AUSA, Chicago, declined prosecution on 5/1/51.

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DETAILS:

By letter dated April 21, 1951, the Springfield office forwarded a letter which had been received by ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Governor of the State of Illinois. This anonymous typewritten letter was marked personal and sent from Chicago to the Governors Mansion at Springfield, Illinois.

At Springfield this matter was taken up with the Assistant United States Attorney, MARKS ALEXANDER, Southern District of Illinois. He requested that it be referred to the Chicago Office and the United States Attorney at Chicago be consulted in that the letter was mailed from Chicago.

The envelope was postmarked April 12, 1951, and the letter read as follows:

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Assistant United States Attorney RICHARD E. GORMAN on May 1, 1951, declined prosecution on the grounds that it was apparently a crank letter.

ENCLOSURES: To Springfield (2)

Anonymous letter and envelope
being sent Registered Mail

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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REFERENCE: Springfield letter dated 4/21/51.

SAC, Chicago

May 8, 1951

Director, FBI

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ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Governor,
State of Illinois - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Reurlet April 21, 1951, and Springfield letter April 21,
1951.

If the United States Attorney at Chicago declines prosecution in this case, the information developed by your office should be called to the attention of the local office of the United States Secret Service.

cc: Springfield

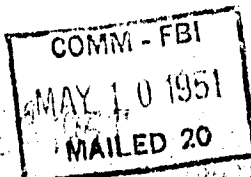
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD

DATE: April 21, 1951

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;
ADLAI E. STEVENSON, Governor,
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JAMES W. MULROY, Executive Secretary to Governor STEVENSON, has advised that the Governor has been receiving a large amount of mail in connection with some remarks Governor STEVENSON made recently about General MacARTHUR. Mr. MULROY stated a large amount of mail has been received condemning the Governor's statements. Mr. MULROY stated that the Governor usually does receive a large amount of crank letters and pays but little attention to them. However, he stated he enclosed one "crank letter" which he said he was forwarding inasmuch as it is possible the crank may also be writing threatening notes to President TRUMAN, as well as to Governor STEVENSON.

This note is as follows:

"You Traitorous S.O.A.B. RESIGN AT ONCE, or prepare to die. Take your choice. Your attitude regarding Hiss, and your remarks regarding McArthur show you are a TRAITOR."

This matter was taken up with AUSA MARKS ALEXANDER, Southern District of Illinois, who advised that despite the fact it is probably only the work of a crank, he believed the matter should be referred to the Chicago Office of the FBI to be taken up with the United States Attorney there inasmuch as the letter was sent from Chicago.

The original of the note described above is being forwarded herewith to Chicago.

JJK:bk
2cc: Chicago (Encl. REGISTERED MAIL)

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